

THE LOCAL OSCILLATOR - August 2003

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COMING EVENTS

Week days	6 m FM net 52.540	6:00AM
Mon	R&S Net	449.90
	Breakfast	
	Wal-Mart	10:00AM
	WTRA Swap net	146.88
Wed	Net	146.64
	round-table	52.525MHz
Aug 2	Saturday Breakfast	
	Club House	8:00AM
Aug 2	Program, business meeting	9:30AM
	Club House	
Aug 2	race	7:00AM
Aug 13	1st Wed after 2nd Mon	
	Directors at Club House	7:00PM
Aug 22 - 23	Duke city hanfest	
	see http://www.qsl.net/dchf	

PRESIDENT'S CORNER
AD5LJ

I have several items that I need to alert you to.

First, we are rapidly approaching the time of the year (November) when we elect club officers. To expedite this, I am setting up a nominating committee to find candidates for the various offices for 2004. If you would like to serve on this committee, please drop me a note or let me know at the August business meeting.

Second, please consider running for a club office. In November, we will elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and at least one and possibly two directors. If you have not been a club officer yet, please consider doing so, it is a great experience. The only requirements

are to be a member of the club and have enough free time to perform the job.

Third, the current list of club members is attached to this newsletter. If your name is NOT on the list and you believe you have paid your dues, please contact me.

Fourth, we need to consider the monthly socials that are currently being held at the New China Buffet restaurant. We had very poor attendance at the June social, only two people showed up. We cancelled the socials for July and August because too many of our members indicated they are too busy to attend. The next social is scheduled for the 2nd Monday in September.

To better plan the socials, I would like each of you to answer the following questions and give the answers to me either by email, telephone, or in person. (see end of this newsletter for address.)

1. Do you believe the club should have a Monday social in addition to the regular Saturday Breakfast?
2. Will you attend the socials?
3. Should we continue having the socials at the China Buffet or go to another restaurant? If you want to move, to which restaurant?

Finally, we need to have a workday at the clubhouse. We can use two groups of people, the first group to clean and dust the inside of the clubhouse and do some minor painting (the doors). The second group will work outside and cut weeds, pick up and haul off trash. I would like to have this workday on either 11, 18 or 25 October. We need volunteers. If you can help, please let me know.

EQUIPMENT DONATION AD5LJ

The club has received a donation from the estate of George Fariss (KF5GG). The club received a complete HF station including a Heathkit HW101 transceiver, SBE SB1-LA linear AMP, modulation monitor, multiband Yagi, antenna rotor, tower, and some accessories. We also received a large quantity of small parts and some test equipment. All the items are at the clubhouse if anyone is interested.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AD5LJ

There follows here a complete list of paid up members.
Members in good standing as of 1 August 2003.
K5LUI Baker, Larry

WK5C Beakley,John
AD5LJ Bennett,Robert
K5JEB Blumkin,Manny
K4BHL Bragdon,Dale
W5UMQ Brown,Bill
KD5UZC Brown,Donald
KD5UZE Brown,Jonathan
K5XY Burr,Alex
KC5IEC Cabot,Lou
KD5UCJ Chrisley,Billy
KD5UZH Costigan,Allen
KD5UZI Costigan,Frances
N7KTR Cretin,Martin
W5JRD Davis,Judy
WK5I Davis,Rodney
KD5PPP Deal,Robert
KD5PUN Deal,Verna
KA1NT Dovydaitis,V.
KC5JCP Edwards,Terry
WA7EPU Figgins,Dean
K0SWK Figgins,Dorothy
WA5QJQ Frazier,Lowell
WM5Z Friis,Steven
KC5TWD Frink,Elaine
W4GEG Frink,Henry
KC5MRI Gabel,Dorathea
KC5MRN Gabel,Kolman
W7DZG Glasscock,David
KD5SSB Goddard,Brant
KD5SSA Goddard,Sid
WA2UCZ Gould,Ronald
N5TQW Guganig,James
N5WQ Hempfling,John
KJ5Q Hempfling,Sandra
KD5IKT Hickey,Bill
KE5FF Hicks,Douglas
W3FFB Hipkens,Ted
AC5RI Horan,Steven
KD5UZF Jack,Melonie
KD5UZD Jellison-Brown,Diane
KC5KWI Johnson,Charlotte
KC5EVR Johnson,Richard
KD50HA Kopp,George
KG5TC Kotovsky,Grant
W5GX Kotovsky,Stan
KD50GY Langston,Arnold
K5DI Larsen,Karl
N5PK Lemons,Jack

WA2NIJ Leverett, Jim
KA2FVO Leverett, Marnie
KD5SSF Linn, Timothy J.
K1CQH Maguire, Mark
W5YGR Miller, August
KD5INC Mitchell, Ben
KT4LT Mitchell, Ed
KD50HD Moffatt, Richard
KD5SSJ Olsen, Cash
KI5FJ Ostrowski, Joe
K0RHW Pittman, Earle
AB5FG Ream, Doug
N5XRP Renneckar, Mel
No Call Richards, Kent
KI5LA Rollack, Ray
KC5SKE Saccia, Brad
N5RHM Savary, Charles
AD5FE Schotzko, Henry
N5HRI Schuhmann, Dave
KC5KWL Schuhmann, Joy
N5TXC Selinfreund, Marty
W5HMS Summersgill, Ray
N8UCZ Swain, Nancy
KC5MRM Talbot, Carleton
WA8FBN Trout, Art
N5VXY Trout, Jodie
KB5YMF Tryon, John
W5SDV Waller, George
K5BJW Weed, Bill
W5TLU Welch, Charles W.
K5DGZ Wood, Ralph

BREAKFAST

KD5SSJ

Please join us for breakfast on Saturday, August 2, at 8am. The turn out continues to be about 20 and it seems to work out very well just before the business meeting. I've noticed that several members are on the high protein diet and that the bacon, sausage and eggs have been very popular, so much so that month before last and again last month I ran short, so I'll plan for a little extra. I don't think I can plan for 1/2 lb of bacon for each person that shows for breakfast, as one member suggested. I'll de-emphasize the biscuits and gravy and we'll continue the pancakes. I will stop preparing things on the griddle about 8:45am, so don't be to late.

If you have any special needs or requests please send an email to me at casholsen@zianet.com and put in the subject line: MVRC breakfast. If you

don't put something like that in the subject line you might just get some of the SPAM that I receive for breakfast.

Look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

MESILLA VALLEY RADIO CLUB
BUSINESS MEETING
MINUTES
SATURDAY, JULY 5, 2003

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Bennett, AD5LJ, at 9:45 a.m.. See attached log for attendance.

General Announcements: Bob said we currently have 77 paid members. A list of paid members will be published in the next issue of the newsletter. All who have not paid have been dropped from the club roster and mail lists. Bob pointed out that no-one came to the June social dinner. It was generally agreed by the membership present that the dinners should be cancelled in the summer months. There will be no social dinner in July or August. Bob also reminded members of the upcoming hamfests in Tuthill (Flagstaff), July 26 and 27, Albuquerque on August 22 and 23 and Alamogordo on August 30.

Jack Lemons, N5PQ, announced that Joe Knight, our ARRL District Manager, has retired due to poor health.

Vice-President's Report: Doug Hicks, KE5FF, asked for ideas for the next meeting's program and Cash Olson suggested someone from the Weather Bureau (NOAH). Cash will call the director and see if he can set up a date.

Secretary's Report: Marnie Leverett, KA2FV0, read the minutes. They were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Rod Davis, WK5I, said his computer crashed and he has no report ready at this time. He will have one printed in the next Local Oscillator.

Communications Report: Karl Larsen, K5DI, said that he and Karl Hess worked Field Day near Cloudcroft. They were somewhat hampered by frequent rainy spells. He also mentioned the successful Field Day event managed by Dave Hassall and members of his Builder's Group. The 4th of July race went well with 9 helpers. He is looking for someone to take over a new race, the River Run, to be held on July 12, as he will be out of town at that time. He has not received confirmation on the Mormon Run, July 19th or on a horse event scheduled for July 26 and 27. There is a race scheduled for August 2 at the university. That will conflict with our regular breakfast and club meeting, but it was felt that it is important to support the race and he will hope that workers will be finished in time for the meeting.

Education Report: Bob said that 4 people have already signed up for the Tech Class scheduled for October 3, 4 and 5.

Repeater Report: Brad was not present but Sid Goddard, KD5SSA, reported that a trip up Caballo was fairly successful, though they were not able to fully finish the job of putting new antennas up on the new tower. Some connectors still have to be attached. Coverage seems to be excellent. The antennas are at about 60 feet up the tower. The batteries have failed in the 64 repeater site. Richard Johnson will talk to Brad about a good source of new batteries.

Special Events Report: Cash said there will be a breakfast in August and he is looking for some helpers.

Revised Constitution and Bylaws: Bob passed out copies of a revised Constitution and By-laws. He pointed out that there are three important changes: one is a protocol for disposing of club property in the event of the club ever disbanding; one is lowering the committee membership numbers to reflect current membership trends; the third change is to allow non-hams to be associate members of the club. A discussion followed. Jim Guganig, N5TQW, moved and Carleton Talbot, KC5MRM, seconded that the constitution be approved. The motion passed.

There being no other old business or new business the meeting was adjourned..

Respectfully Submitted by Marnie Leverett, Secretary

MESILLA VALLEY RADIO CLUB
BUSINESS MEETING
MINUTES
SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2003

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Bennett, AD5LJ, at 9:45 a.m.. Several new members were present. See attached log.

General Announcements: Bob said we currently have 77 paid members. He also announced the giving of a scholarship to Melanie Leaton, a sophomore at NMSU. He also passed around an article from QST about our classes with a picture of Cash Olsen. He mentioned that in July they will be making some changes in the regular Wednesday night net, to make it more challenging, perhaps doing it on simplex or mobile only. He also announced plans for a new experimental net which will be held on a simplex station, 144.220, on Thursday evenings at 8:00

Education: Tim Linn passed out card sized reminders of protocols for

making phone patches on 146.64. He also announced the classes to start in September. Jack Lemons asked about more extra classes and Bob said that at this time we are not planning any until next year. Tim also asked if any members would be willing to share their expertise on some aspect of ham radio with new members. He would like to refer new students and new hams to some member of the club willing to share his or her experience.

Field day: Bob said there will be two opportunities for club members to work Field Day. Dave Hassall is going to set up a station at the Pan Am Center at NMSU and is looking for operators and loggers. No one needs to bring equipment. He hopes to be on air for 24 hours. Also, Karl Larsen and Karl Hess will be going up near Cloudcroft to operate QRP and camp out.

Races: A sign up sheet for the four races to be held in July was passed around for volunteers to sign. The races will be the 4th of July, the Burn Lake run on July 19, the Mormon Pioneer race on July 26 and a summer fun run on Aug. 2.

There was no report from the secretary as no one took minutes at the last business meeting.

Treasurer's report: Rob gave the treasurer's report. See attached. Our financial situation is good due to the sales at the Bvean Feed and a large donation that came in for educational purposes.

Constitution and By-laws: Bob called to everyone's attention the revised constitution and by-laws that went out in the newest Oscillator. He said they would be discussed in the next business meeting and voted on in August. He noted that there are three significant changes. One is the addition of associate members. Also the new requirements for committee sizes is decreased. Most important is the additional language telling how club assets would be disbursed if the club ceases to exist. There was a question about dues for associate members and Bob said that would have to be looked at. Bob said that there are two significant changes that occurred about 1991. One is that before that membership was determined by a membership committee who screened all applicants and voted on them. The other subject that was taken out of the constitution was a rule on how to remove members from the club, which the board rejected.

Special Events: Cash asked for volunteers to help with breakfast in July. Marnie and Rod volunteered. Cash had no report to make on planning for a special orientation opportunity for new hams and new members. He will work on that this month.

Donations: Jack Lemons, N5PK, brought in an amplifier donated by Kenneth Law, W7HMF.

Buildings and Grounds: Bob said the outside painting is finished except

for the two doors. After the monsoon season, he will want to do a major clean-up job in the yard.

Several new e-mails need to be forwarded to Karl Larsen: Jack Lemons' and Jim and Marnie Leverett's..

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Marnie Leverett, Secretary

UNCLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE: Weather Satellite Picture Receiving Station, complete, as new. Receives weather satellite images in real time from both geostationary and polar orbiting weather satellites.

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The newsletter is always looking for articles and notes of interest to the members of the Mesilla Valley Radio Club. Please send them to Alex. F. Burr, K5XY, Editor, MVRC Local Oscillator, 695 Stone Canyon Drive, Las Cruces, NM 88011. Small personal ads from members will also be published. It would be helpful if submissions would be made in a machine readable form. MSDOS disks are welcome. Files can also be sent to the Internet address aburr@aol.com. The club maintains a web site at <http://www.zianet.com/mvrc>.

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To join the Mesilla Valley Radio Club, renew your membership, or to support the repeaters, please complete the form below and send it with dues (\$25 single, \$35 family per year) to: Treasurer, MVRC, Box 1443, Las Cruces, NM 88004.

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Class of License:
Phone:
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